

MARLBORO COUNTY COUNCIL

MARLBORO COUNTY CONFERENCE ROOM

THURSDAY, APRIL 14, 2005

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CHAIRMAN: KEN ALLEN  
VICE CHAIRMAN: MARION WRIGHT  
ADMINISTRATOR: ANNA K. HUBBARD  
COUNTY ATTORNEY: DONNIE MCDONALD

COUNCIL: JEAN MCLEAN, JEFF QUICK,  
MICKEY ROGERS, x CORRIE H. PLATO,  
x DR. CAROLYN PRINCE, KEN ALLEN,  
EDMOND BLUE, AND MARION WRIGHT

\* ABSENT

CALL TO ORDER

INVOCATION

PRESENTATIONS

**Ms. Helen Palmer, Chesterfield/Marlboro EOC** – addressed County Council. She presented Council with a copy of Chesterfield/Marlboro EOC's annual audit. She stated that EOC appreciated all Council had done for her organization and asked for consideration during our budget process.

**Mrs. Karen Lewis, Marlboro County Civic Center** – addressed County Council. She stated the purpose of her presentation was to thank Council for their support during the ten (10) years of operation. Their support has been greatly appreciated. She advised the Civic Center is doing very well.

**Representative Douglas Jennings** – addressed County Council in regards to NESA. He advised NESA will represent ten (10) counties in the Pee Dee. Representative Jennings said that with state and federal assistance dwindling – Counties must start helping themselves. He advised that

NESA will be targeting high unemployment, wages and capital investments. He advised a meeting was held at Francis Marion College with NESA and all Counties involved. The Governor has downsized the Department of Commerce cutting Rural Infrastructure assistance. NESA will help with employment and per capita income. He stated that one of NESA's top priorities will be I-73. Other priorities will include Utility enhancements, an International Airport (probably between Latta and Myrtle Beach) and an international convention center. NESA will also recruit a World Class Economic Developer to work with County Officials. Representative Jennings asked Marlboro County to support NESA.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – MARCH 10, 2005

**Motion made by Mr. Edmond Blue, seconded by Mrs. Jean McLean approving the minutes of March 10, 2005. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion Carried.**

PUBLIC HEARING

ORDINANCE # 593 – AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE SALE OF PROPERTY TO MARLBORO WAREHOUSE, INC.

Ms. Hubbard discussed briefly. She advised this is the second request to purchase this property.

No citizens offered comments.

OLD BUSINESS

ORDINANCE # 591 – AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN FOR MARLBORO COUNTY FOR THE PERIOD OF FY 2006-2010. – SECOND READING

**Motion made by Mr. Jeff Quick, seconded by Mr. Marion Wright approving the second reading of Ordinance # 591 – An Ordinance to approve the Capital Improvement Plan for Marlboro County for the period of FY 2006-2010. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion Carried.**

ORDINANCE # 592 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING MARLBORO COUNTY TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE MARLBORO COUNTY RESCUE SQUAD TO PROVIDE PARAMEDIC LEVEL EMERGENCY SERVICE AND TRANSFER SERVICE THROUGHOUT MARLBORO COUNTY. – SECOND READING

**Motion made by Mr. Marion Wright, seconded by Mrs. Mickey Rogers approving the second reading of Ordinance # 592 recommending proposal # 2 – An Ordinance authorizing Marlboro County to enter into an agreement with the Marlboro County Rescue Squad to provide paramedic level emergency service and transfer service throughout Marlboro County. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion Carried.**

NEW BUSINESS

CONSIDERATION OF NESA (NORTH EASTERN STRATEGIC ALLIANCE) REQUEST FOR PARTICIPATION/LETTER OF INTENT.

Ms. Hubbard discussed briefly. She advised the expense would be shared equally between Marlboro County and the Economic Development Partnership. The commitment amounts to a yearly expense of approximately \$8,300.00 apiece.

**Motion made by Mrs. Jean McLean, seconded by Mr. Jeff Quick approving the request for participation/letter of Intent for NESA. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion Carried.**

ORDINANCE # 594 – AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE ANNUAL BUDGET AND TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR MARLBORO COUNTY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2005 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2006, AND TO LEVY AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAXES. FIRST READING.

Discussed in worksession.

**Motion made by Mr. Jeff Quick, seconded by Mrs. Jean McLean approving the first reading of Ordinance # 594 – An Ordinance to adopt the Annual Budget and to make appropriations for Marlboro County for the Fiscal year beginning July 1, 2005 and ending June 30, 2006, and to levy Ad Valorem property taxes. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion Carried.**

ORDINANCE # 595 – An Ordinance to amend the Building Codes Ordinance to adopt Chapter One of the 2003 Building Code Series. First Reading.

Ms. Hubbard discussed briefly. Mandate by State. We are required to implement by June 1, 2005.

**Motion made by Mr. Marion Wright, seconded by Mrs. Jean McLean approving the first reading of Ordinance # 595 – An Ordinance to amend the Building Codes Ordinance to adopt Chapter One of the 2003 Building Code Series. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

CONSIDERATION OF FUNDS FOR JUDICIAL SYSTEM FOR ADDITIONAL PART-TIME SOLICITOR.

Ms. Hubbard explained she had not received any additional information or had further discussion with Judge Lockemy since his presentation to Council in March. She reminded Council the position requested would cover Marlboro and Chesterfield Counties for \$30,000 per year. It would cost approximately \$10,000.00 for the remainder of the fiscal year. Ms. Hubbard stated the Solicitor should report to Council regularly on productivity if this request is approved.

**Motion made by Mr. Edmond Blue, seconded by Mrs. Jean McLean to approve the funds for an additional part-time assistant solicitor. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

RESOLUTION # 07-01-01 – ACCEPTANCE OF RURAL INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT AWARD FOR \$170,000

Ms. Hubbard advised this was a pass-through grant for Northeastern Technical College to facilitate the Magic Johnson Foundation project.

**Motion made by Mr. Marion Wright, seconded by Mr. Edmond Blue approving the acceptance of the Rural Infrastructure Grant Award for \$170,000. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

RESOLUTION # 07-01-02 – TALBERT & BRIGHT WORK AUTHORIZATION FOR COUNTY AIRPORT

Ms. Hubbard stated this work authorization is for an Obstruction survey for both ends of the runway at the Marlboro County Airport which is covered by grant funds.

**Motion made by Mr. Marion Wright, seconded by Mr. Jeff Quick approving Resolution # 07-01-02 – Talbert & Bright work authorization for County Airport. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

CONSIDERATION OF RENEWAL OF INMATE TELECOMMUNICATIONS AGREEMENT AT DETENTION CENTER PER SHERIFF'S REQUEST FOR RENEWAL.

Ms. Hubbard explained a request was received from Sheriff Knight requesting that we extend the inmate telephone contract for another five (5) years.

**Motion made by Mr. Jeff Quick, seconded by Mrs. Jean McLean approving the renewal of the Inmate Telecommunication Agreement at the Detention Center per the Sheriffs request. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

DISPOSITION OF REQUEST FROM EVANS CORRECTIONAL FACILITY FOR PUBLIC WORKS TO ASSIST IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF A BERM FOR TRAINING PURPOSES

Mr. Sidney Wallace, Public Works Director, advised his staff would only be responsible for the berm. The dirt is already in place. He advised the Sheriff's office would be able to use it for training purposes.

**Motion made by Mr. Jeff Quick, seconded by Mrs. Jean McLean approving the request from Evans Correctional Facility for Public Works to assist in the construction of a berm for training purposes. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

BIDS

LANDSCAPING PROJECT

Discussed in worksession. Ms. Hubbard advised only two bids were received – one was a partial bid. Due to a limited time frame with the grant award - Bids were renegotiated as grant funds were not sufficient to cover the scope of work with Randy Earl Medlin of Laurinburg as he was the only contractor to provide a complete bid. Mr. Medlin made recommendations on changes to the project to lower costs to bring the project in line with grant funding. Bids received were: Randy Earl Medlin – Landscaping, Irrigation, Planting - \$32,947.00 and Fountain, Walkways - \$133,253.00. Pee Dee Landscaping – Landscaping, Irrigation, Planting - \$34,600.00 and Fountain, Walkways – No Bid.

Council was advised of changes in Worksession to the Landscaping project that were necessary to bring the project costs in line with grant funding. The walkways were proposed to be built with concrete with brick outlining – this would make it easier access for individuals in wheelchairs. They also have to be ADA compliant. Also, due to cost, the fountain would not be the statue fountain, but a pond fountain. A landscaping map showing the changes was shown to Council members by Ms. Hubbard and explained.

Various Council members asked about the costs of the trees and suggested that Ms. Hubbard meet with Mr. Medlin and discuss a warranty on the plants – they would like at least a year warranty.

Ms. Hubbard explained she had set up a meeting with the Courthouse Landscaping Committee to notify them of the decision made by Council. She asked for direction and was advised to proceed according to the plans.

**Motion was made by Mr. Jeff Quick, seconded by Mr. Marion Wright to accept the bid from Randy Earl Medlin with the changes discussed. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

APPROVAL OF WELCOME SIGN DESIGN AND PERMISSION TO PROCEED WITH WELCOME SIGN REPLACEMENT.

Ms. Hubbard advised the new signs would replace the current signs with her understanding being the brick foundations would have to be removed. The signs have been coordinated and designed by Semaphore, the same firm the image campaign committee is utilizing for its project. The Welcome Signs are to be coordinated with the image campaign.

**Motion made by Mr. Marion Wright, seconded by Mr. Jeff Quick approving the Welcome Sign design and granting permission to proceed with the Welcome Sign replacement. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

APPOINTMENTS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

**Motion made by Mr. Jeff Quick, seconded by Mrs. Jean McLean to reappoint Mrs. Patricia Henegan to the Marlboro County Library Board of Trustees. Vote in Favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

Ms. Hubbard advised of a letter received advising the Marlboro County Library Board of Trustees had nominated Mrs. Patricia Henegan as Chair and the Board requested Council's approval. A copy of the letter had been placed in Council's packet.

**Motion made by Mr. Jeff Quick, seconded by Mrs. Mickey Rogers approving the appointment of Mrs. Patricia Henegan as Chair of the Marlboro County Library Board of Trustees. Vote in Favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

REPORTS

RECREATION COMMITTEE - Ms. Hubbard advised she, along with the Recreation Committee had met with Mr. Mac Wilson of the Department of Natural Resources to discuss the swimming and maintenance at Lake Paul Wallace. Another meeting will be scheduled to try to discuss these matters.

ADMINISTRATIVE/FINANCIAL REPORT – ANNA K. HUBBARD, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

Ms. Hubbard presented the Administrative/Financial Report.

The Expenditures are at 74% through the 31st of March with 75% of the budget year completed.

Ms. Hubbard is continuing to work with Alliance Consulting to update the Solid Waste Management Plan. In our plan, we incorporate solid waste update activities for the municipalities also.

Waste Management has not contacted Ms. Hubbard further to discuss the Transfer Station. She has followed up with Mr. Asmonga, who is currently tied up with a project in North Carolina. He advised he would contact her again in the near future.

Ms. Hubbard updated Council on the Mobile Home issue – Planning and Zoning staff will be canvassing the county to enforce the mobile home decal requirement with ticketing to be done if the owners do not comply per the county's ordinance.

Blenheim Fire Department plans to build a substation beside Country Joe's produce stand on Hwy 38. They have requested Public Works do grading and building up of the site – 40 X 48 foot building plus entrance area. They plan to have pumper and equipment truck with jaws of life stationed there. ISO is expected to come in May to rate them. They need equipment prior to the inspections – nozzles, hoses, ladders, and portable radios – approximately \$20,000 worth of equipment. They have requested we allow them to do a lease purchase agreement as we have

with previous equipment. Council was receptive to the plans, advised the Administrator to have Public Works assist as we can, and agreed to allow the Lease Purchase Agreement to flow through the county.

Ms. Hubbard updated Council on the Mohawk project. The Engineering Firm of Wilber Smith & Associates advised the request for bids are to be let this week for the rail rehab project.

RECOGNITION OF CITIZEN'S REQUEST

No discussion was heard.

RECOGNITION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mrs. Jean Wallace asked fellow Council members to keep Bill Owens from Cheraw in their thoughts. He is the Chesterfield County Council Chair. He is not doing well – but, will be sent home soon.

Mrs. Mickey Rogers advised that Tornado season is here and asked what the situation is with the Sirens. Ms. Hubbard advised Staff has been looking for funds and will continue the process.

Mr. Jeff Quick thanked fellow Council Members for joining NESAs. He believes this is a positive step for Marlboro County. He stated he was impressed with the I-73 meeting in Washington.

ADJOURNMENT

There was no further discussion. The meeting was adjourned.

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KEN ALLEN, CHAIRMAN  
MARLBORO COUNTY COUNCIL

ATTEST:

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SUSAN E. RIVERS, CLERK  
MARLBORO COUNTY COUNCIL

Date Adopted: